कीमती और अर्ध कीमती पत्थरों और मोतियों का निर्यात लगभग स्थिर रहा है और 1986 के दौरान इनके निर्यात के लिए निर्धारित किया गया लक्ष्य मात्र 1325 करोड़ रुपए है जबकि 1985-86 का लक्ष्य 1437.63 करोड़ रुपए था और इस कम लक्ष्य को भी पूरा नहीं किया जा सका है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार, स्ट्रिप, तार, आवश्यक औजार तथा शीट बनाने वाली मशीन जैसे उपकरण, कच्चा माल आदि की कर्मी और ब्याज की अधिक दर तथा अपर्याप्त प्रशिक्षण सुविधाओं जैसी व्यापार की समस्याओं को नहीं सुलझा सकी है हालांकि इन वस्तुओं की विदेशों में काफी मांग है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या उपचारी उपाय करने का विचार रखती है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रियरंजन दास मुंशी) : (क) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान अलग-अलग वर्षों के लिए निर्धारित लक्ष्यों के आधार पर रत्नों तथा आभूषणों का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:--

(रुपए करोड़ में)

	निर्यात लक्ष्य	वास्तविक निर्यात
1983-84 .	1195	1324
1984-85 .	1570	1307
1985-86 .	1325	1508 (अनन्तिम)
1986-87 .	1550	1677
(अप्रैल "86"-जनवरी "87")		(अनन्तिम)

(ख) और (ग) जी नहीं। सरकार रत्न तथा आभूषण क्षेत्र में निर्यात उत्पादन के लिए व्यापार द्वारा अपेक्षित लगभग सारे उपकरण, उपस्कर और मशीनरी के आयात को खुले सामान्य लाइसेंस के अधीन रखा है। जहां तक प्रशिक्षण सुविधाओं का संबंध है, सरकार ने सूरत में भारतीय हीरा संस्थान, दिल्ली और बम्बई में आभूषण उत्पाद विकास केन्द्र, जयपुर में रत्न शिल्पी प्रशिक्षण स्कूल तथा दिल्ली में जेमोलोजिकल संस्थान स्थापित किये हैं जो सभी रत्न तथा आभूषण क्षेत्र में भारत के निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करते हैं।

Strike by the employees of public sector undertakings

706. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the public sector undertakings including Banks and LIC had gone on a token strike on January 21, 1987;

(b) if so, what were the demands of the public sector employees; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGHA): (a) and (b) Some of the employees of the public sector undertakings including the Banks and the L.I.C. had gone on a day's token strike on January 21, 1987 to protest, among others, against (i) Privatisation of the public sector; (ii) Entry of multi-nationals and monopolies in the sphere of activities of public sector; (iii) Import of technology and goods detrimental to indigenous development; (iv) Modernisation/computerisation without involving trade unions; (v) Linking of wages with

productivity; and (vi) closure lay-off and retrenchment.

(c) Government has repeatedly made it clear that there is no policy of privatisation of public undertakings that the provisions of the FERA and MRTP Act not be diluted to the disadvantage of indigenous industrial development, *vis-a-vis* multi-nationals and monopolies and that the issues on the need to modernise would be discussed with trade unions. I had also appealed to the trade union organisations and workers to call off the strike in the larger interests of the public sector itself and suggested that the issues raised by the workers could be dicussed across the table in a spirit of cooperation between Government, workers and management.

Primary weavers societies in Orissa

707. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) how many primary weavers co-operative societies are there in Orissa at present;

(b) what are the details of the handloom goods manufactured by these societies during the last one year; and

(c) whether any stocks have been accumulated with these societies and also with Appex Body; if so, what are the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government there are 770 primary weavers societies in the State as on 31-3-86. These societies are producing dhotis, sarees, lungis, napkins bed-sheets, shirtings, towels, mosquito nets, scarves, tie and dye furnishings' bapta, silk sarees etc. The total quantity of handloom goods produced by the societies during 1985-86 was 65.08 million metres valued at approximately Rs. 39 crores.

(c) The Primary weavers Cooperative Societies and the Apex Society are holding stocks worth Rs. 6.37 crores and Rs. 5.79 crores, respectively as on 31-12-1986, as reported by the State Government.

Regional Passport Offices in Kerala

708. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Regional Passport Offices are there in Kerala;

(b) how many applications were received by each Office during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) how many passports each Office issued during this period, yearwise;

(d) whether staff strength in these Offices has been increased during this period; if so the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to open some more Regional Passport Offices in Kerala in the near future to meet the rush, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Two.

(b) and (c)

	Passport Office Cochin		Passport Office Kozhikode	
	Applications for fresh passports received	Fresh passports issued*	Applications for fresh passports received	Fresh passports issued*
1984	1,19,523	1,20,668	63,731	65,340
1985	92,316	86,707	60,059	65,453
1986	73,835	76,331	61,458	64,641

*Includes pending cases from the previous year.